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SUBJECT: CODEL ALBERT - ARRIVAL STATEMENT

FOLLOWING IS ARRIVAL STATEMENT DELIVERED BY SPEAKER
CARL ALBERT AT BELGRADE'S SURCIN AIRPORT 10:05 LOCAL TIME,
AUGUST 19:

"IN THE FIRST PLACE, WE ARE VERY HAPPY TO BE IN YUGOSLAVIA.
WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THE WARM WELCOME WE HAVE RECEIVED
FROM YOUR OFFICIALS. I AM PARTICULARLY PLEASED THAT I WAS
ABLE TO MAKE THIS TRIP BECAUSE PRESIDENT TITO CAME BY MY
OFFICE WHEN HE WAS IN WASHINGTON THE LAST TIME, I HAD A
LONG TALK WITH HIM. HE ASKED THAT I HEAD A DELEGATION
AND BRING A CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION TO YUGOSLAVIA, AND
THIS IS THE CULMINATION OF THAT, AND LATER WE GOT THE FORMAL
INVITATION BOTH FROM THE AMBASSADOR AND FROM THE PRESIDENT
OF YOUR PARLIAMENT -- THE ASSEMBLY.

WE HAVE COME TO HAVE MUTUAL TALKS WITH THE LEGISLATIVE
BODIES OF YOUR COUNTRY ABOUT PROBLEMS THAT OUR DEPARTMENTS
OF GOVERNMENT, THE LEGISLATIVE BRANCH, WHICH IN THE UNITED
STATES IS VERY STRONG AND CAN PREVENT ANYTHING FROM
HAPPENING, EVEN THOUGH THE PRESIDENT WANTS IT, SO THAT WE
FEEL THAT IT IS GOING TO BE GOOD THAT WE UNDERSTAND ONE
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ANOTHER AND WHAT WE CAN DO TOGETHER.

THEN, I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE THIS LAST STATEMENT...I WENT
TO SCHOOL AT UNIVERSITIES IN OXFORD AND MADRID AND I HAVE
BEEN AS FAR EAST AS CZECHOSLOVAKIA WHEN I WAS A YOUNG MAN
BUT I HAVE NEVER BEEN IN YUGOSLAVIA BEFORE OR ANY OF THE
OTHER EASTERN NATIONS BECAUSE AT THAT TIME I DID NOT HAVE
MUCH MONEY AND I COULDN'T TRAVEL THAT FAR, BUT I AM MOST
PLEASED TO BE HERE BECAUSE I DO NOT BELIEVE THAT THE
UNITED STATES HAS HAD A BETTER FRIEND IN ANY PART OF THE
WORLD, EAST OR WEST, REGARDLESS OF IDEOLOGY OR ANYTHING
ELSE. WE HAVE HAD A VERY FRIENDLY AND WARM RELATIONSHIP
WITH YOUR COUNTRY OVER THE YEARS AND WE EXPECT AND HOPE
THAT THIS TRIP WILL ENHANCE THAT FRIENDSHIP. THANK YOU
VERY MUCH."
SILBERMAN

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